

During their operations coal was discovered and mines were opened up on top of Gauley Mt. between Bergoo Creek and Slatyfork this mine was operated until 1940. another mine was opened up below Spruce and was called the Hopkins mine, another was the Linan mine just below the Hopkins mine, and about 1920 Big John mine and Deer Lick mines were opened up, this was about the time they were lumbering up Fishing Hawk Creek this coal was mostly used by the Co. in their trains and at the town of Cass. You find coal on many of their holdings and no doubt some day these mines will be reopened and new ones opened up.

The W.Va Pulp And Paper Company beyond a doubt had the largest operations of any Co. operating in Pocahontas Co. and today they own several thousand acres of land but have sold several thousand acres to the government for reforestation purposes, their farming operations are very extensive as they have farm lands from just outside of Cass to the Greenbank road and along Deer Creek and you find land in high state of cultivation and some of the finest barns that are found in this section of the State and in these they winter from 2 to 300 head of cattle and back a few years ago they produced over 1,000 lambs a year.

The W.Va. Pulp & Paper Co. Operations in Pocahontas County have meant more to the growth of the county than any other operation that has taken place here as they not only furnished employment to the people but have helped

greatly in the way of taxation besides the towns that have sprung up
namely Cass, Slatyfork, and Spruce besides scattered houses at these coal mi-
nes at Hopkins mine, Linan mine, Deer Lick & Big John mines, at Spruce where th-
ey had the pulp mill you found hundreds of acres of spruce trees as this is
a cold place snow getting 2 to 3 feet deep.

During their 40 years of operating at Cass it is estimated they cut
1,126,400,000 and about the same amount of pulp wood. most of the hardwood
went to Luke Md. and it is estimated by one of their former lumber graders th-
at they carried 16 million feet of lumber on the yards at a time. They had a
planing mill and put out finished surfaced lumber in the way of siding, flo-
oring and other dressed lumber that was mostly used locally in the county.

The Pocahontas Supply Co. store did a business of \$ 1,200,000.00 a year
business when they were in the best of the timber and when business was good.

The mill burned in 1924 but was rebuilt at once.

Cass today is a thriving lumber town that has meant a lot to Pocahon-
tas County as it made a market for all the surplus farm commodities of the
surrounding territory, payed enormous taxes that helped our county schools and
government and furnished employment to thousands of her citizens this was
Pocahontas County's largest operation and the payroll of the W. Va. Pulp and
Paper Co. was the largest of any in Pocahontas. The lumbering from about 1900
to 1925 was the greatest industry in the County but since that time the oper-

There have been smaller operations but the Government has bought thousands of acres of cut over land for reforestation purposes so in years to come it is hoped the lumber industry will be better than at the present time due to the reforesting.

The W.Va. Pulp And Paper Company hope to complete their operations at Cass in 2 or 3 years the present time they are just operating in order to furnish employment to the population of Cass.

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All the above worked for the Co. at some time or other but Arbuckle and his father was Co. Dr. for a time at Cass.

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